

**MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

The Davie County Board of Commissioners met with the Davie County Board of Education at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Davie County Senior Services, 278 Meroney Street, Mocksville, NC.

Commissioners Present:

Mark S. Jones, Chairman
Kennon A. "Ken" White, Vice-Chairman
Carl Humphrey
Richard B. Poindexter
Robert Wisecarver

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Beth M. Dirks, County Manager
James J. Stockert, Deputy County Manager
Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk to the Board

Board of Education Present:

Terry Renegar, Chairman
Barbara Owens, Vice-Chair
Rick Ellis
Chad Fuller
Carol Livengood
Steve Ridenhour

Board of Education Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent
Jean Brickey, Board Clerk

Board of Commissioners Chairman Mark Jones called the meeting to order. Board of Education Chairman Terry Renegar offered the invocation. Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman Ken White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda:

BOC

Commissioner White made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1. (Commissioner Poindexter did not vote on the motion.)

BOE

Ms. Owens made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

School Facilities History:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent, Davie County Schools, presented a Power Point presentation on School Facilities History, which included Major School Facility Projects over the past 55 years, a School Bond Summary, 2010-2011 Enrollment and Population Trends, 2011-2012 10th Day Membership, and a History of the Davie County High School Campus from 1955 to 2011. Also included was information on the current approved project, a RFQ for a Facilities Study and a FRQ for Architectural Services. He referenced and read excerpts from the *History of Davie County Schools* by Marie Benge Craig Roth. (A copy of the presentation is attached. The information is also available on the Davie County Schools' website [@www.davie.k12.nc.us](http://www.davie.k12.nc.us).)

Attachment A

Dr. Hartness stated that this is where we are today, September 22, 2011. The question is what we can agree on as we move forward and begin a facilities assessment and long range plan for the Davie County School system.

Dr. Hartness explained that the format of the discussion agreed upon by the Chairman of the BOC and the BOE was for each Board to submit questions. Seven questions were submitted by the Board of Education. Members of both Boards were given an opportunity to have dialog on each question.

Comments from Chairman Jones:

Chairman Jones asked for an opportunity to comment. He reviewed the following chronology of events that brought the Boards to this meeting:

- A meeting was held on December 3, 2010 at which a broad range of issues were discussed, including the commitment of \$2M for the Early College project. The question was asked that if the Early College project came in less than \$2M, could the balance of the remaining funds be used for renovations to build classroom space at Davie County High School (DCHS). (Those attending that meeting were Commissioners Mark Jones and Ken White, Ms. Beth Dirks, County Manager, Board of Education Members Terry Renegar and Rick Ellis, and Dr. Bill Steed, Interim Superintendent.) At that point, the Commissioners indicated to the Board of Education that perhaps we should look at what we could do to take care of urgent needs at the high school beyond just building classroom space.
- In March 2011, the Board of Education voted 6-0 to move forward and address the estimated \$7.5M project to renovate DCHS. The Board of Education continues to discuss the issue. The Board of Commissioners was presented a plan from the Board of Education for the proposed renovations. (The plan has not formally been presented to the Board of Commissioners.)
- In July 2011, we went to Dr. Hartness to discuss working together to get the renovations done and tie the renovations at DCHS to the full funding of the school budget.

Chairman Jones commented that he believes moving forward to renovate DCHS is something that we need to do and that he believes it is the Board of Education's responsibility to determine the facility needs for the Davie County School system. The Board of Commissioners has committed that less than \$10M in renovations at DCHS; we believe we can move forward with without an impact on the taxpayers and without the necessity for a bond. If the Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of the children of this county to bring forward a one high school proposal, however you define it, I would pledge to you that the Board of Commissioners would bring this to a bond and let the citizens of Davie County have a voice in the building of the school. It is the position of the majority of the commissioners that the people of Davie County have a say in that level of financing.

Chairman Renegar expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for meeting with the Board of Education.

Chairman Renegar commented that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to determine what can be agreed on as we move forward and input from the Board of Commissioners is critical in order to move forward in an efficient manner. He stated that the chronology given by Chairman Jones is correct. The Board of Education has not made a formal presentation to the Board of Commissioners regarding proposed renovations at the high school.

Questions for Discussion:

Superintendent Hartness read each question. (Please see Attachment A.) Members of both Boards had the opportunity to respond.

Following discussion and comments on the questions, Board members offered closing remarks. There was a consensus that the two Boards need to have additional joint meetings with frank, open dialog. There was discussion that it would be imperative that both Boards support the plan and work collectively to sell the plan to the people.

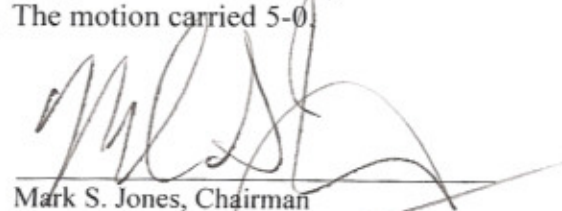
Chairman Renegar asked each Commissioner to think about what parameters they individually could support related to funding what is recommended by the Board of Education. He stated that he would like to get a facility study started, review the results and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible.

Mr. Ridenhour made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Davie County Board of Education. Mr. Ellis seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Davie County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Humphrey seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting concluded at 7:10 p.m.


Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk to the Board
Board of Commissioners


Mark S. Jones, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS
SCHOOL FACILITIES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011



**Major School Facility Projects in
Davie County
Over the Past 55 Years**



1954

State Funding for Consolidation of
Schools in Davie County



1956

\$600,000 Davie County High School
opened with 725 students and 30
teachers.



1960

\$875,000 in bonds approved by
voters for additions to Davie County
High School



1967

Voters rejected a \$3 million bond
proposal



1968

Voters approved a \$2.5 million bond to build new elementary schools. Kindergarten was added to all elementary schools.



1969

Farmington-Smith Grove (later named Pinebrook) and Shady Grove opened and William R. Davie addition was constructed



1970

Mocksville Elementary opened



1978

\$5.5 million bond passed for construction of South Davie and North Davie



1980

South Davie and North Davie open



1993

\$1.9 million from the State Public School Building Capital Fund used for additions and renovations at Davie County High School



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1995

Voters approved \$7.6 million in bonds for technology needs and renovations at Mocksville, Pinebrook, Shady Grove, North Davie, South Davie, and DCHS

53% For, 47% Against



1998

\$4 million in NC Public School Building Bonds, \$900,000 in Public School Building Capital Fund/ADM, \$2 million in a Davie County Loan, and \$384,000 in capital fund balance were used to construct Cornatzer Elementary



2001

Task Force identified \$44 million in needs for renovating 5 elementary, 2 middle, and DCHS, as well as the need for construction of a new middle school and a second high school



2003

\$29 million bond rejected by Davie voters- renovations at 5 elementary schools and DCHS, and construction of a second high school
30% For 70% Against



2003

\$602,600 in QZAB bonds and \$1 million in Public School Capital Building Fund used for additions and renovations at William R. Davie Elementary



2003

Voters passed \$8.825 million bond referendum for renovations at 4 elementary schools, North Davie, South Davie, and Davie High
67% For 33% Against



2006

\$14 million in Certificates of Participation, \$296,000 in lottery funds, \$819,000 in DCS Capital Fund Balance, \$190,000 in Public School Capital Building Funds, \$75,000 in CTE Funds for constructing and equipping Ellis Middle School



2007

\$37 million bond rejected by Davie voters- \$30 million for construction of a second high school, \$7 million for renovations at DCHS
38% For 62% Against



2007

Davie County Early College High School Opens on the Davie Campus of Davidson Community College



2007

\$2.2 million requested and approved for renovations to DCHS completed using a local capital appropriation.
(Called Phase I)



2010

\$31.2 million in Certificates of Participation denied by Local Government Commission for the construction of a new high school- with career and technical education, administrative offices, and preschool classrooms planned on the campus of the current DCHS.
(\$29.2 million for High School, \$2 million for Early College)



2011

\$1.2 million in county government fund balance appropriated for Early College Renovations/ Expansion of Gantt Building

Spring of 2011-Board of Education discusses a plan to eliminate mobile units at Davie High School, renovate cafeteria and locker rooms, and build an auditorium with an estimated cost of \$7-\$8 million. Concerns over spending significant money on the current campus.



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2011

Board of County Commissioners approve current expense budget contingent upon the Board of Education appropriating \$1 million and the BOCC funding \$5 million to further renovate DCHS.



September 2011

- 1- The Board of Education presented with a draft RFQ for architectural services for renovations at DCHS
- 2- The Board of Education presented with a draft RFQ for a facility assessment to be conducted to determine needs across the district for the next 5-10 years.
- 3- The Board of Education requested \$500,000 be drawn down from the lottery fund to go toward design services and construction.



School Bond Summary Since 1960

5 School Bonds Have Passed	
1960	
1968	
1978	
1995	
2003	
3 School Bonds Have Failed	
1967	
2003	
2007	

Source: Davie County Board of Directors
 Aug. 14, 2012 History of Davie County Schools

Enrollment and Population Trend

- 2010-11
 - Total ADM increased by 11% from 5928 to 6583
 - Elementary (K-5) ADM increased by 3.5%
 - Middle School (6-8) ADM increased by 16.5%
 - High School (9-12) ADM increased by 20.3%
- 2010 US Census Data for Davie County, NC
 - Population change from 2000 to 2010 is 18.4%, from 34,835 to 41,240

Source: NCDPS, ADM Item 3 of 2 by school and grade, data provided September 2011; www.census.gov



2011-12 10th Day Membership

- 2011-12 10th Day of School Membership = 6486, down 86 students from the 10th day in 2010-11 or -1%.
- K-5= 2966, -73 from 2010-11
- 6-8= 1591, +5 from 2010-11
- 9-13= 1929, -18 from 2010-11

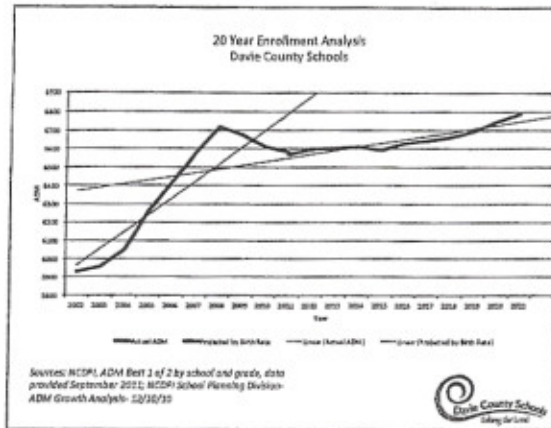


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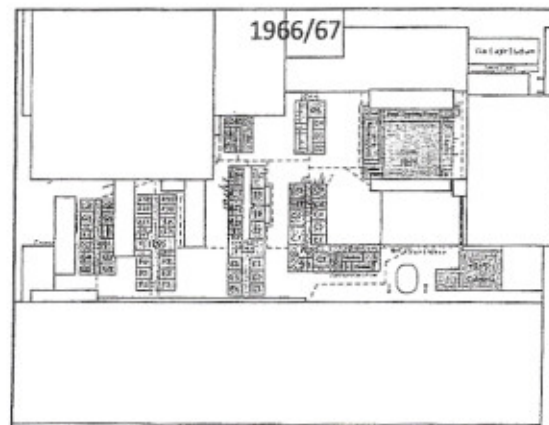
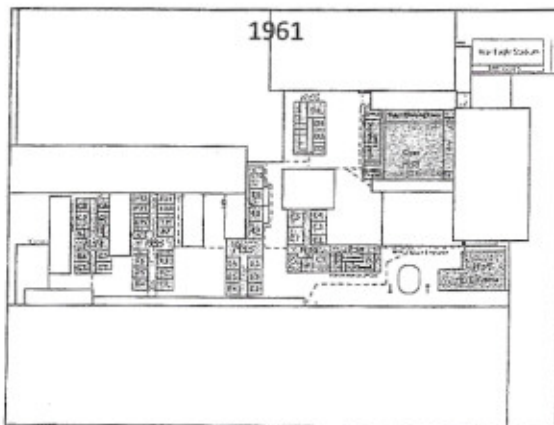
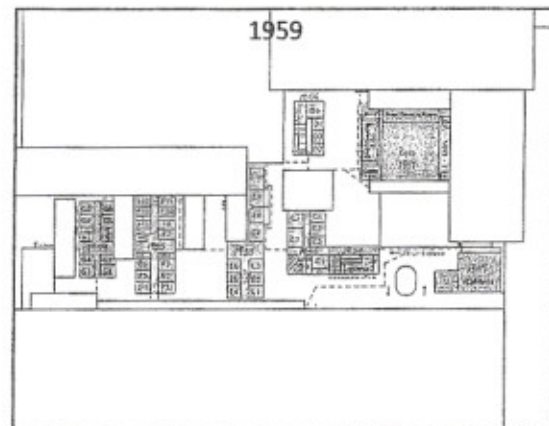
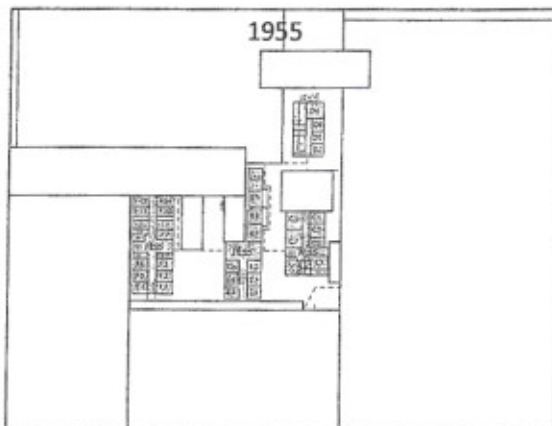
School	10 th Day Membership
Coleman	462
Cornett	347
Mocksville	677
Pinebrook	520
Shady Grove	599
William R. Davis	361
North Davie Middle	505
South Davie Middle	552
William Ellis Middle	530
Davie Early College HS	180
Davie County HS	1740
Central Davie Academy	14
Total	6486

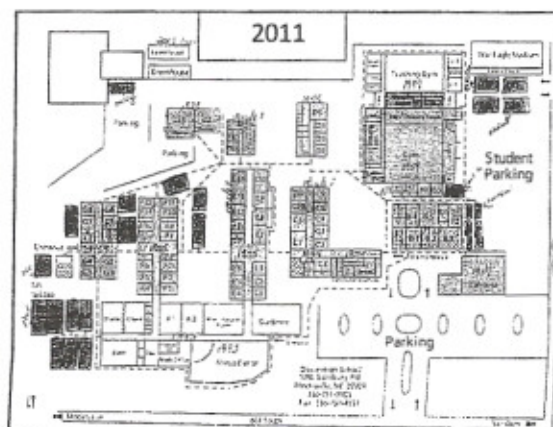
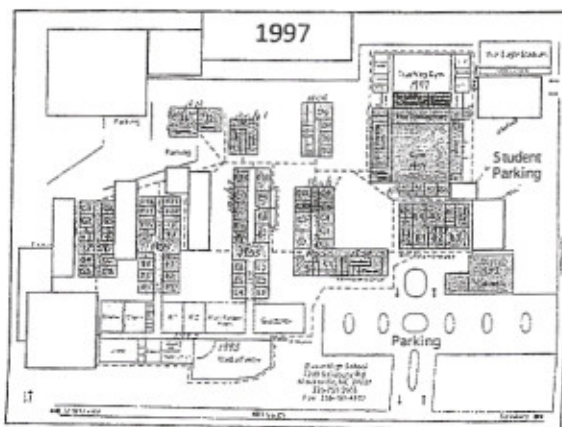
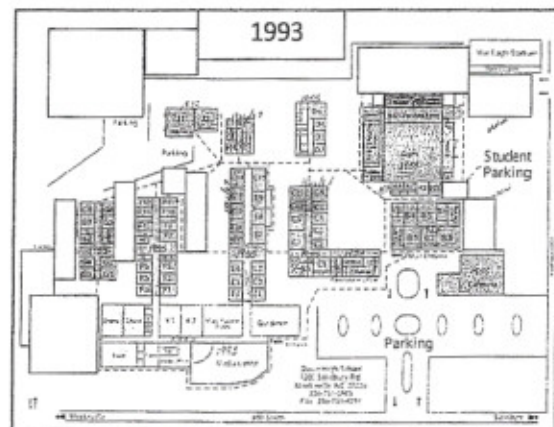
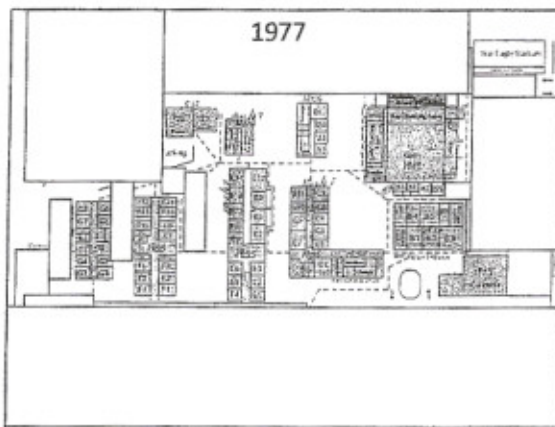
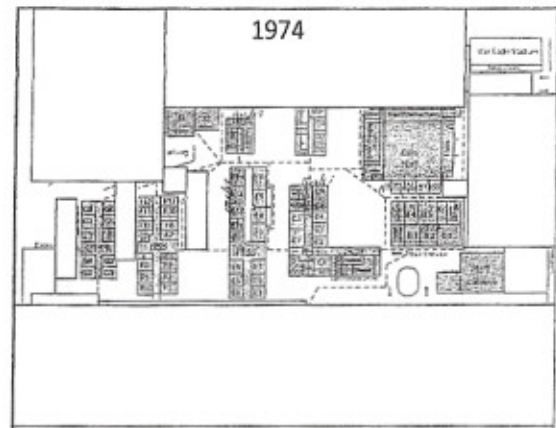
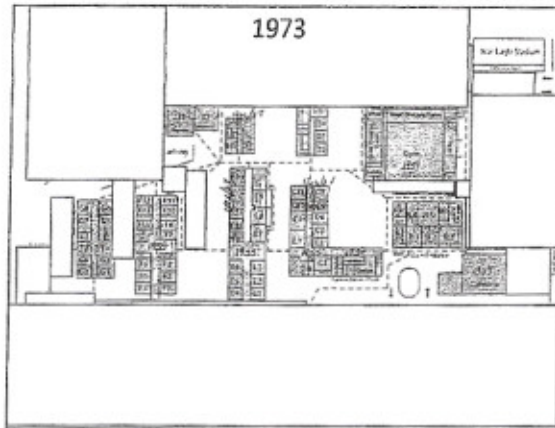


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History of the Davie County High School Campus





September 22, 2011

Here we are, what can we agree on as we move forward and begin a facilities assessment and long range plan for Davie County Schools?



Questions for Discussion

1. What parameters would the BOCC like to see included in any future facilities recommendations from the BOE?
 - funding - tax neutral?
 - growth - student population targets?

Questions for Discussion

2. If an identified project exceeds \$5M, what financing sources would the BOCC consider?

Questions for Discussion

3. What would the BOCC consider to be an authoritative source on school capacity?
 - Third party comprehensive facility assessment?
 - Internal study?
 - Other?

Questions for Discussion

4. How can the BOE help promote economic growth and economic development in Davie County?

Questions for Discussion

5. The County currently has two parcels of land purposed for schools - 1. Farmington Rd site - +/- 53 acres (purposed for high school) 2. Highway 158/Allen Farm - 30 acres (purposed for an elementary school). There is discussion about the Farmington Rd site being repurposed. Does the BOCC have any plans for the Highway 158/Allen Farm site?

Questions for Discussion

6. Does the BOCC have a policy on unused land owned by the County?

Questions for Discussion

7. If the BOE develops a long term facilities plan that maximizes current capacity and systematically addresses any growth through the renovation or construction of school facilities, would the BOCC accept and support such a plan?